

Fiscal Services Division
Legislative Services Agency
Fiscal Note

SF 2267 – Traffic Violations Penalty Enhancements (LSB 5232 SV)
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Description

Senate File 2267 requires a driver's education course, as approved by the Department of Transportation, to include instruction on awareness of sharing the road with bicycles and motorcycles. The Bill provides that motor vehicle operators convicted of certain moving violations which are simple misdemeanors may be subject to additional fines and licensing sanctions if such a violation results in serious injury or death.

Assumptions

1. The law will become effective July 1, 2006. A lag effect of six months is assumed, from the law's effective date to the date of the first entry of affected offenders into the correctional system (to allow for court case processing time).
2. In FY 2005, there were 14,449 convictions for the enumerated scheduled violations in the Bill.

Correctional Impact

The FY 2005 conviction reports do not identify the number of accidents that result in serious injury or death. Therefore, the number of violations that may result in the imposition of increased fines cannot be determined.

Fiscal Impact

General Fund

The fiscal impact due to the collection of additional fines is anticipated to be an increase to the General Fund; however, the amount cannot be determined since the number of violations resulting in serious injury or death is unknown.

Primary Road Fund and Road Use Tax Fund

There may be additional costs to the Department of Transportation (DOT) associated with settlement hearings, processing and reinstating suspensions, and programming; however, these costs are unknown. Costs to the DOT associated with providing instruction on awareness of sharing the road with bicycles and motorcycles are anticipated to be minimal. All such costs would result in a decrease to the Motor Vehicle Division's base budget, which includes Primary Road Fund and Road Use Tax Fund moneys.

Source

Department of Transportation

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